

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1052

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A RESOLUTION recognizing the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education on the occasion of the 2008 Racial Ethnic Multicultural Conference.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is proud to honor those exemplary organizations and events that serve to enrich the social fabric of this great State; and

WHEREAS, the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education's (ACPE) 2008 Racial Ethnic Multicultural Conference is one such estimable event; and

WHEREAS, ACPE's 21st annual conference will be held April 2 – 5, 2008, in Memphis; attendees from across the nation will gather together for a series of lectures and workshops organized around the theme of this year's conference, *Chaos or Community: Where Do We Go From Here*; and

WHEREAS, in addition to an interfaith worship service with featured preacher, Dr. Frank Thomas, Pastor of Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church in Memphis, the conference will include excursions to the Civil Rights Museum, the Mason Temple, and Graceland; and

WHEREAS, moreover, on April 4th, during the Foundation Annual Awards Gala, the 2008 Racial Ethnic Multicultural Conference will join with all Memphians and guests at the Cook Convention Center to honor Harry Belafonte and Congressman John Lewis; the keynote speaker will be Dr. Joseph Lowery; and

WHEREAS, the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education is a multicultural, multifaith organization devoted to providing education and improving the quality of ministry and pastoral care offered by spiritual caregivers of all faiths through the clinical educational methods of Clinical Pastoral Education; and

WHEREAS, Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) was begun in 1925 as a form of theological education that takes place not exclusively in academic classrooms, but also in

clinical settings where ministry is being practiced. CPE is offered in many kinds of settings: in hospitals and health care facilities, including university, children's, and veterans' facilities; in hospices; in psychiatric and community care facilities; in workplace settings; in geriatric and rehabilitation centers; and in congregational and parish-based settings; and

WHEREAS, the textbooks for CPE include in-depth study of "the living human documents," meaning both those who receive care as well as a study of the givers of care; it is through the practice of ministry and the reflection thereon, with supervisor and peers, that the experiential learning known as CPE takes place; and

WHEREAS, among the 2,600 members who make up the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education are some 350 ACPE Accredited CPE Centers and about 600 ACPE certified faculty members; members hail from 113 separate theological schools and 23 faith groups and agencies have partnered with ACPE to provide excellence in theological education; and

WHEREAS, since ACPE formed in 1967, as a merger of four CPE organizations, nearly 150,000 units of CPE have been offered to about 65,000 individuals in the United States and abroad, with approximately 7,000 units of CPE completed annually; and

WHEREAS, CPE students come from many different ethnic and cultural groups. Individuals from many faith traditions - Protestant, Roman Catholic, Judaism, Islam, Orthodox Christian, Native American religions and Buddhism, all have participated in Clinical Pastoral Education; and

WHEREAS, the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education's 2008 Racial Ethnic Multicultural Conference will serve to inspire and educate its many attendees, and it is most fitting that the organizers and participants of the ACPE Conference should be properly recognized for their laudable endeavors; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that on the occasion of the 2008 Racial Ethnic Multicultural Conference, we recognize and commend the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education for their many positive contributions to this State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.